

REMARKS

Claims 9 and 11-16 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 9, 13 and 16 are amended. Support for the amendment may be found in at least Figs. 1 and 4 and paragraphs [0039] and [0040]. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims at least in light of the following remarks.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Amadiz and Examiner Beck at the interview held April 9, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

Claims 13 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. As claims 13 and 16 are amended as suggested by the Examiners during the personal interview, this rejection is moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Claims 9 and 11-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,057,589 (Shin) in view of in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0063048 (Nakano) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,534,809 (Watanabe). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

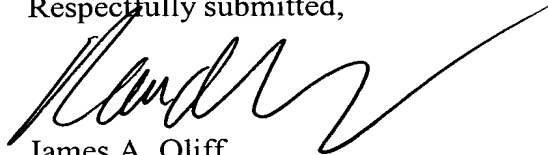
As agreed at the interview, Shin, Nakano and Watanabe fail to disclose or have rendered obvious that "the selection-signal input terminals and the image-signal input terminals being aligned along the same edge of the substrate and being located between the matrix and the corresponding edge," as recited in claim 9.

Thus, claim 9 is patentable over Shin, Nakano and Watanabe. Further, claims 11-13 are patentable for at least the same reasons, as well as for the additional features they recite. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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